

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic recording medium including a first underlying film formed on a nonmagnetic substrate and containing a NiTa alloy having a nonmagnetic amorphous structure, and a second underlying film using an alloy containing at least Cr and Ti, further a first magnetic film using a CoCrPt alloy, a nonmagnetic intermediate film containing Ru and a second magnetic film using a CoCrPtB alloy that are serially formed over said first underlying layer, wherein oxygen exists in an interface between said first underlying film and said second underlying film; and  
wherein a film thickness of said second underlying film is 5 nm to 15 nm, and a half value width of a locking curve in a (11.0) diffraction peak appearing at an overlapping position of said first and second magnetic films is equal to or less than 8°.
2. (Original) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said oxygen is locally dispersed in said interface.
3. (Original) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein a Ti concentration of said second underlying film is 10at% to 15at%, and a Pt concentration of the CoCrPt alloy as said first magnetic film is 3at% to 8at%.

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4. (Canceled) .

5. (Withdrawn)

6. (Withdrawn)